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SUBJECT: KHMER STUDENTS IN EAST EUROPE

REF: A) PHNOM PENH 7771; B) BERLIN 1011

1. EMBOFF RECENTLY HAD OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW STATUS OF KHMER STUDENTS IN EAST EUROPE WITH COUNSELOR KOSALAK AND CULTURAL COUNSELOR MAO OF KHMER EMBASSY. LATTER HAS REGIONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR KHMER STUDENTS IN EUROPE.

2. MAO'S INFORMATION ESSENTIALLY CONFIRMED THAT CONTAINED IN REFS A AND B. OF 52 KHMER STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN EASTERN EUROPE WHO WISH TO CONTINUE STUDIES ELSEWHERE, TWO HAVE INDEPENDENTLY FOUND SCHOLARSHIPS IN PARIS. FOR REMAINING 50, FRG HAS OFFERED 10 SCHOLARSHIPS, AUSTRIA 3 AND SWITZERLAND 4, ALL PROVIDED THAT THE STUDENTS CAN MEET REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY UNIVERSITIES. (MAO MENTIONED THAT FRG IS PROVIDING FOUR ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN PHNOM PENH). NONE OF THE 17 APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS HAS BEEN FULLY APPROVED.

3. EMBOFF RAISED QUESTION WHETHER GOS MIGHT BE WILLING TO INCREASE NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS FOR KHMER STUDENTS. BOTH  
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KHMER EMB OFFICIALS STATED THEIR STRONG BELIEF THAT SWISS

HAVE ALREADY GIVEN THE MAXIMUM AND THAT THERE IS NO GIVE IN THEIR POSITION. (EMBOFF ASCERTAINED INDEPENDENTLY THAT GOS SETS ASIDE 50 SCHOLARSHIPS ANNUALLY FOR STUDENTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; THE FOUR FOR KHMER STUDENTS THUS REPRESENTS SUBSTANTIAL PERCENTAGE.)

4. IN LIGHT OF APPARENT SENSITIVITY ON PART OF KHMERS FOR US TO CARRY BALL FOR THEM WITH SWISS AND VIRTUALLY HOPELESS OUTLOOK FOR OBTAINING ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS HERE, WE SUGGEST THAT APPROACH SUGGESTED REF B NOT BE MADE IN BERN.  
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